

Delaware Wetland Conference Q & A

Below are a few questions that were posted around the 2018 Delaware Wetlands Conference for conference attendees to answer.

What program, activity, or speaker would you like to see at the 2020 conference?

- Bill Nye the Science Guy
- Snoop Dog

What is one area of wetland science that needs more research?

- Bioremediation in contaminated waters and how flora help clean waters
- Forage fish utilization
- Biocontrol and invasives
- Impact of emerging contaminants such as endocrine disruptors
- Sub alpine bogs in the mountains and climate change

If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?

- Hockey
- Swimming with dolphins
- Equestrian
- Hummock hoppin'
- Tree climbing, forestry!
- Motherhood
- TV trivia
- Quidditch
- Pole vaulting ponds
- Cat herding
- Extreme pogo-sticking (over creeks)
- Marsh Walking
- Marching Band

What is one piece of advice you would give a student starting in the wetland field?

- Ecosystem: understand how all is related, integrated and interdependent
- Be willing to try new things
- Get out there and get muddy!
- Take geology
- Think ahead
- Be ready, be sincere
- Wear boots!
- Maintain (or develop) a good sense of humor
- Be punctual!
- Internships, internships, mentoring
- Know the “why” of your research and why anyone should care

- Love the smell of DEET

Tell us a joke. Get nerdy with it

- Why didn't the blue crab go to the party?
 - He was shellfish
- What do you call a seagull in the bay?
 - A bay-gull
- What's green, muddy, hot and red?
 - A MACWA survey gone wrong
- What do you call a seahorse running?
 - Scalloping
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
 - I don't really know
- 2 slugs mugged a tortoise. The police asked what happened. He said "I don't know officer. It happened so fast."
- What did the fish say when it ran into a concrete wall.
 - Dam!
- Why aren't fish on the honor roll?
 - They are below sea-level

What is one cool wetland project happening right now?

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